



Docket No.: 003104.P002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

LAWRENCE G. MEARES

Application No.: 09/438,856

Filed: November 12, 1999

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD OF
PROVIDING ADDITIONAL
CIRCUIT ANALYSIS USING
SIMULATION TEMPLATES**

Examiner: Garcia Otero, Eduardo

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231-9998

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on November 1, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application. A shortened statutory period for filing a response to the Office Action expired on February 1, 2003. A Petition for a three-month extension is filed concurrently herewith to extend the time for filing the response to May 1, 2003. Reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 7, with the following paragraph: